

Summary of Project Operations

Clark Canyon – Storage peaked at about 131,421 acre-feet at elevation 5537.32 on May 7. This was about 42,946 acre-feet or 8.78 feet below the top of the joint-use pool. Storage is about 1.6 feet higher than at this same time a year ago. After reducing irrigation allotments by about 0.25 acre-feet per acre in an effort to conserve storage, water users are still expected to receive adequate water supplies in 2007.

Canyon Ferry – Storage in Canyon Ferry is about 1.2 feet or 132,600 acre-feet below the top of the joint-use pool. Storage is expected to reach the top of the joint-use pool in late June. Conditions will be closely monitored to determine if and when river releases can be increased and maintained at 4,100 cfs, the desired required minimum fishery flow. It may be necessary to maintain flows at the same level as last year, 3,500 cfs below Holter Dam.

Gibson Reservoir – All of the reservoirs on the Sun River Project are full or essentially full. Releases from Gibson Dam are being maintained at 1,730 cfs, 1,390 cfs of which is being diverted to the Pishkun Supply Canal and 340 cfs of which is being released to the Sun River. No irrigation shortages are anticipated this year unless persistent unseasonably dry weather continues into July and August.

Sherburne – Storage in Lake Sherburne is primarily used to supplement storage for the Milk River Project. Storage in Lake Sherburne is currently at 48,884 acre-feet at elevation 4777.29, about 3,700 acre-feet or 2.4 feet lower than at this same time a year ago.

Fresno & Nelson Reservoirs – Both reservoirs located on or near the Milk River near Havre are full to the top of the joint-use pool. All water users of the Milk River Project are expected to receive full water supplies in 2007.

Bighorn Lake – Storage in Bighorn Lake is currently about 5.1 feet or 60,000 acre-feet below the top of the joint-use pool. Storage is expected to reach the top of the joint-use pool in late June. Conditions will be closely monitored to determine if and when it is most appropriate to increase releases to the Bighorn River.